

# Kidbrooke Park Primary School

## September 2020 Newsletter

### Welcome Back

Welcome back to what we hope will be another amazing year at Kidbrooke Park Primary School! We hope you had a fantastic summer and the children have settled back into routines well. I appreciate that school is a little different this year, however by working together we will be able to ensure all children will have their education minimally affected by the current situation.

### New Staff

Along with the return of the children, we would also like to introduce some new teachers who have joined us at Kidbrooke Park.



Miss Richards  
3CR Class Teacher



Miss Jones  
1AJ Class Teacher



Miss Montanari  
Nursery Class Teacher

### Dinner Money



A reminder for parents that the weekly cost for school dinners is currently £13.75 per week. If your child is changing from school meals to packed lunch, please let the school office know. If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 - you are automatically entitled to Universal Infant Free School Meals. Where possible, please make payments by card through the ParentMail app.

### Head Boy and Head Girl

We would like to extend a big congratulations to Charlie and Sarah from Year 6, who will be our Head Boy and Head Girl for this academic year. Within these roles, Charlie and Sarah will represent the school at events and are role models for fellow students.



### Covid-19 Testing

Parent/carers and children aged 5 and over are able to apply for a coronavirus test through the national testing programme if they are showing any of the Coronavirus Symptoms below. Coronavirus symptoms are:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss of or change to your sense of smell or taste

You can apply for a test by clicking the link below:

<https://self-referral.test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/antigen/name>

It is essential that all individuals who are presenting with symptoms isolate in the family home for 14 days and get a test as soon as possible. If once tested the result returns negative, the isolation can end and the child will be able to return to school. In the event of a positive result, please contact the school immediately. A symptom Chart can be found at the back of this newsletter.



## Red Post Box

Last year, we introduced the red letter box to the KS2 playground for parents to post letters, dinner monies and trip permission slips. We have now repositioned this post-box to the wall at the bottom of the office steps.

Please remember that money or messages for the school office should be placed into a sealed envelope with your child's name, class and state what the money is for (eg trips, dinner money, etc).



## Building Update

Over the summer break the school new build continued to go from strength to strength. The team are currently about to place the last structural girder in place – traditionally known as Topping Out. This will be marked by a ceremony with the Local Authority and our Head boy and Head Girl as representatives of our student population.



## Parking

Parking near the school is severely limited and most of our families live very close by, so if at all possible please walk your child to and from school. If you do need to drive, please park your car responsibly, making sure you are not blocking driveways, not parking on the yellow zig-zag lines or parking on private property. Your co-operation is greatly appreciated as when people park illegally, it makes the area more dangerous for our parents and children, as well as disrupting local residents.



## Breakfast Club

Although breakfast club numbers are limited due to current restrictions and space, we still have a few spaces available. Breakfast Club is charged at £10 per week.

If you are interested in a place, please contact the school office.

## Medication

As we start the new academic year, please remember to bring in any prescribed medication your child might need. All medication must have a prescription label on it and must be brought to the school office, as there is some paperwork you need to complete before we can legally give it to your child in school. If you have any queries, please speak to the school office or a senior leader.

## Parent Mail

As a way for the school to keep parents up to date with the latest news, events, diary dates and to pay for school trips, breakfast club, school meals and clubs, please ensure that you are registered with ParentMail.

If you have received a registration email please register as soon as possible in order to receive our communications. Please ensure that you also add [info@parentmail.co.uk](mailto:info@parentmail.co.uk) to your contact address book to avoid missing out on emails. If you have not received this it may be because you have not yet given us an email address so please send it through to the school office.

If you have an Android or Apple device, download the free ParentMail App to pick up messages on the go!

## Dates for Your Diary

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October – INSET Day - School Closed**  
**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October – Half Term**  
Children return to school - Monday 2nd November  
Final day of Autumn Term - Friday 18th December

## Phase Updates

### Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)

#### **Reception and Nursery – Phase Leader - Ms Tvrz**

Early Years have had a fantastic start to the new school year. We are proud of how our reception and nursery children have quickly settled into their new environment and routines especially at the start of the day as the children are super confident to stand in their class lines without their main carer. They are growing up so fast!

The children are making friends and embracing the learning, which has included talking about ourselves and our family. The children have all enjoyed colour mixing with paint and producing a beautiful first painting for their wall class display. The children have enjoyed exploring their new classroom with the home corner, play dough and the outside learning garden being a hit!



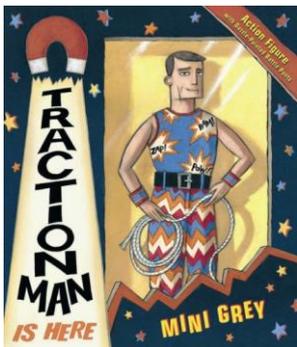
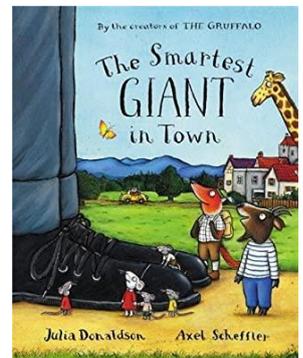
We are very excited to continue your child's learning journey!

### Key Stage 1

#### **Years 1 and 2 - Phase Leader – Ms Yousif**

KS1 pupils have returned to school looking very smart and really grown up. They seem to have settled into the new routines and classroom layout quickly. Their teachers have made tremendous efforts to ensure pupils have frequent breaks between their activities in order to immerse them into learning gently after a long break from school. We have been pleasantly surprised by how much home schooling some of the children have done and how good they are at reading. This is a great credit to all our supportive parents.

Year 1 children are enjoying reading and discussing 'The Smartest Giant in Town' by Julia Donaldson. In the short time that they have been back, they have learned to label all the main characters, George's garment and created a beautiful display.



Year 2 children have become superheroes whilst reading 'Traction Man Is Here' by Mini Grey. They have discussed the true meaning of friendship and have written recipes on how to be great friends. These have been published and displayed in both classrooms.

In the first week back, both year groups took part in the well-being week which helped them to share their ideas about the important things that matter in life, such as kindness, friendship, consideration and respect. It was so lovely to see that our youngest children have already developed such positive values, and we hope that they continue to demonstrate these at home too.

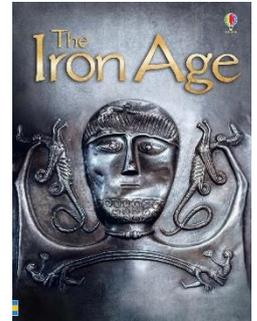
## Phase Updates

### Lower Key Stage 2

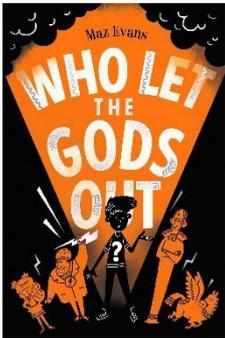
#### **Years 3 and 4 – Phase Leader – Ms Haynes-Hunte**

The children in Year 3 and Year 4 have made a positive start to the year. We are very happy with how well all the children are managing social distancing around the school and when playing with their friends.

Year 3 are exploring the Iron Age, linking to their learning in science where they are discovering how rocks are formed and what they are used for. They have made their own instructions on how to be the 'Star of the Week,' and have come up with some fantastic ideas of how to be kind, determined and collaborative.



Year 4 are enjoying reading, 'Who Let The Gods Out,' by Maz Evans and are conducting research about the Ancient Greeks and finding out how they have influenced us today. They will be learning about electricity and are looking forward to conducting experiments this term.

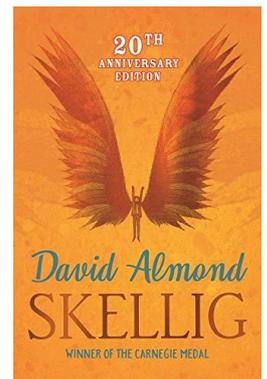


### Upper Key Stage 2

#### **Years 5 and 6 - Phase Leader - Ms Guy**

Upper Key Stage Two have had a busy start to their new term and have been working extremely hard - it has been fantastic to see so many children focusing on their learning. We have been particularly impressed that so many children are reading for pleasure at home every day and recording their thoughts in their reading journals too - keep up the good work!

This week, Year 5 have become engrossed in their new class text 'Skellig' by David Almond, and have been writing their own predictions about what will happen next. The children have also been unleashing their creative side and have been conjuring up lots of descriptive language in order to write their very own stories based on Skellig and the main character, Michael.



In Year 6, the children have been immersed in the world of Vikings and learning about the skills and successes of these savage warriors. Using the book 'Viking Boy' by Tony Bradman, the children have been exploring emotive language and are writing their own diary entries and letters as if they are a Viking.

Both year groups have also been revising their knowledge of place value by ordering, comparing, reading and writing numbers up to 1,000,000, as well as explaining their understanding in order to become masters of maths! We are really proud of how the children are sharing their reasoning in class and using mathematical vocabulary.

## Identifying Illness

As mentioned earlier in the newsletter, please find below information relating to identifying, common winter illnesses such as flu and colds, comparing the symptoms to Coronavirus.

Symptoms	Coronavirus	Flu	Cold
 Fever	Common	Common	Rare
 Cough	Common	Common	Mild
 Loss of taste and smell	Sudden	Rare	Sometimes
 Fatigue	Sometimes	Common	Sometimes
 Headaches	Sometimes	Common	Rare
 Aches and pains	Sometimes	Common	Common
 Runny/stuffy nose	Rare	Sometimes	Common
 Sore throat	Sometimes	Sometimes	Common
 Sneezing	No	No	Common
 Shortness of breath	Sometimes	No	No
 Diarrhoea	Sometimes for children	Sometimes, especially for children	No